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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	09/900,302
<i>Filing Date</i>	July 6, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Joshi, Rajiv V.
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	2819
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Cho, James Hyongchol
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	728-218 (YOR9-2001-0512)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 12/10/02
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed
 i. Amendment/Reply
 ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 iv. Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

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- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
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i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 02/12/2003 MGEBREM1 00000005 500510 09900302
ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 750.00 CH
iii. Other _____

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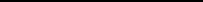
c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

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